



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Palmisano, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, and A. Johnson**

Honoring the Lake Harriet Elf for 20 Years of Building Community.

Whereas, there are many ways to be engaged in and become a part of the communities that make up the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, community participation and engagement does not come with particular age or size requirements; and

Whereas, for twenty years, Thom, the Lake Harriet elf, also known as Mr. Little Guy, has brought joy to children of all ages, from two to ninety-two by enchanting us all with his stories of elfball, minnow cakes, rides on Nickerson the cat, blue ice cream, great elf Martha, and princess elf Alta Lucia; and

Whereas, the Lake Harriet elf is not a gnome, not a troll, and not a fairy, but an elf who has contributed mightily to making Minneapolis a special place and brought national acclaim to our City; and

Whereas, the Lake Harriet elf has sought neither fame nor fortune by revealing his identity, resisting continual pleas for him to show himself while teaching us about life and love and caring and joy; and

Whereas, the Lake Harriet elf believes in our City and lives in the hearts and minds and souls of those who believe in him while showing all of us everyone has a role to play in making Minneapolis a great place to live; and

Whereas, the elf hopes for the City to continue to be a haven for dreamers, artists, and visionaries; and

Whereas, though of undetermined age in human years or in elf years, August 15 is the Lake Harriet elf's birthday;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That we honor Thom, the Lake Harriet elf, for his twenty years of unique service to Minneapolis and commitment to children of all ages, and proclaim August 15, 2014, LAKE HARRIET ELF DAY.

Passed, August 15, 2014

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved: Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest: Casey Carl, City Clerk